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Dear Bud:

A matter of considerable bureaucratic importance, particularly in light of endeavors to establish a DD/S&T authoritative responsibility for Agency-wide research, is now upon us. You recently have had insufficient time for me to discuss this matter with you but a recent development indicates you should be aware of the matter and perhaps accelerate discussions with Raborn and Helms concerning the Agency-wide research position. There are attached two memoranda, dated 2 August, from [REDACTED] of DD/P, one 25X1A to DD/S and one to Ex. Dir., both of which zero in on disagreements possessed by DD/P re missions of DD/S&T. There is a 25X1A third memorandum attached, written by Bannerman to [REDACTED] which tells [REDACTED] in effect, to stop bothering him and to go and talk the problem out with DD/S&T. Bannerman was good enough to discuss this matter with me and I urged him to write such a memorandum to [REDACTED]. Since that conversation 25X1A I have been patiently waiting for a phone call from [REDACTED] and the call was received yesterday. [REDACTED] wanted to make 25X1A arrangements for himself and [REDACTED] to come over and 25X1A talk to you and me on the matter of missions and functions of DD/S&T and, while he did not say so specifically, I felt sure he had ORD in mind specifically. I pointed out to 25X1A [REDACTED] for tactical reasons explained below, I felt both your schedule and my schedule would not allow us to get together this week. He then stated he was going on leave for approximately three weeks on Friday and he accepted my suggestion to put this matter in suspense until he returned from leave.

The message here, as I read it, is quite clear. We wish to avoid any such interface discussions with DD/P on our missions and roles at this time inasmuch as you have had your conversations re Agency-wide research and development responsibilities with Raborn, Helms, and White. You now have a three-week moratorium in which to move on this matter and put DD/P on the defense and ourselves on the offense. It can be predicted, with fair certainty, that DD/P and DD/S&T, talking between themselves, will never reconcile the mission of ORD. Therefore, the matter of developing a research charter, draft copies of which you have from both [REDACTED] and myself, 25X1A should be taken up as an early item of priority and DD/P, to the extent possible, be presented with an entirely new ball game in which to compete.

EO/DD/S&T